

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2281
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
FERTILIZERS PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fertilizers plants in the country as on 30th September, 2001, State-wise;
- (b) whether a number of fertilizer plants in the country are closed and several others are incurring losses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (d) whether financial assistance was given by the Government to the loss incurring fertilizer plants; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) State-wise details of major fertilizer plants are given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c) The major fertilizer plants of Central Public Sector Units in which operation had been suspended/discontinued for various reasons inter-alia on account of technological obsolescence, feedstock limitation, non-viability of unit/company and heavy financial losses are:-

1. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.:Gorakhpur
2. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.:Ramagundam
3. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.:Talcher
4. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.:Namrup-II
5. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.:Durgapur
6. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.:Barauni
7. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.:Trombay
8. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.:Amjhore
9. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.:Saladipura
10. Hindustan Copper Ltd. : Khetri

Financial performance of the PSUs/cooperatives in the fertilizer sector for the last three years is given below:

Company Name Profit/Loss (-) (Rs. In crore)

1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 (prov)

PSUs

NFL	34.89	27.31	40.91
FACT	-39.80	-151.95	0.57
RCF	35.08	64.97	43.86
MFL	24.98	-29.76	-143.75
FCI	-856.68	-951.36	-1068.35
HFC	-564.23	-767.72	-803.28

Cooperatives

IFFCO	312.80	231.00	308.38
KRIBHCO	55.85	138.10	187.33

Department of Fertilizers does not maintain any records of financial performance of private sector companies.

(d) & (e) The plan/non-plan budgetary support given to the fertilizer PSUs during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. In crore)

Name of the Company	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002 (prov)	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
HFC	60.19	127.00	57.00	118.70	115.33	184.00
FCI	10.00	143.00	20.00	143.00	20.00	130.00
PPCL	-	25.00	-	28.28	-	28.00
MFL	20.00	-	20.24	-	21.00	-
FACT	35.00	40.00	45.00			

In addition to the above, the following concessions and reliefs were given to MFL and FACT during 2002 under the financial restructuring approved by the Government :-

MFL : Waiver of interest amounting to Rs.65 crore out of the outstanding interest as on 31.3.2000 on the loans availed by MFL from the Government for the Revamp Project

FACT : (i) Waiver of outstanding interest amounting to Rs.226.88 crore for the period from 1998-99 to 2001-02 on the OECF loan drawn from the Government of India by FACT for its Ammonia Project at Udyogamandal. (ii) Moratorium on principal repayment by FACT up to 31.3.2002 on the balance OECF loan amounting to Rs.378.20 crore drawn from Government of India. (iii) Waiving levy of penal interest on FACT for past defaults in repayment of principal and interest of the OECF loan after assistance as at

(i) and
(ii) above being granted.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2281 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3 07-2002

State-wise total number of major fertilizer plants in the country as on 30-09-2001:

State No. of Fertilizer plants

Assam	3
Manipur	-
Andhra Pradesh	6
Tamil Nadu	5
Kerala	3
Goa	1
Maharashtra	5
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	2
Chhattisgarh	1
Rajasthan	3
Gujarat	10
Punjab	4
Delhi	-
Uttar Pradesh	9
Haryana	1
Bihar	1
Jharkhand	3
Orissa	5
West Bengal	4